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The year in review

As 2012 winds down, the Drum takes its annual look back over the year to see what topics made the biggest splash or came up most frequently within the Southern Ute community. As is always the case, this year brought us a mix of fascinating news — from sports to business, from traditional culture to politics — all of which left indelible change within the tribe. Some topics, like our summer wildfires, reappeared from years past; others, such as the Cultural Preservation Department, are new to the list this year. For the full list of the top 15 news trends of 2012, turn to page 6.



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Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Former Southern Ute Chairman Howard D. Richards Sr. takes a seat once again on the council on Monday, Dec. 17 following the runoff election.



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TRIBAL COUNCIL

Health of people, land top Richards' priorities

By Ace Stryker
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Newly elected Southern Ute Indian Tribal Councilman Howard D. Richards Sr. says things have changed since he was first elected in 1991.

"If you're going to move forward, you need to at least see where you came from," he said in an interview with the Drum two days after his Monday, Dec. 17 swearing-in ceremony. "I look at this council today: It doesn't have a lot of that history."

A former council chairman from 2002 through 2004, Richards said the council he first joined more than two decades ago was a "traditional" group: Perhaps they were less well-versed in business matters, he said, but they "always had tradition in mind."

But a change came in the mid-late '90s, he said. Richards calls today's leadership a "contemporary council," one seeking to bring the tribe a brighter future — but it would do well to learn more from the past, such as why and how certain programs came to exist, he said.

"Twenty-one years later, I'm still here, so I've got a lot of history," he said. "A lot of water has gone under my bridge."

Richards said in the year since the November 2011 special election that brought him back to the council, he accomplished some of what he set out to do — but he saw the need to keep going.

"I saw the need to continue what I had started, knowing that I wasn't going to accomplish a lot in one year," he said, adding that the goal of "controlling the budget was more successful this year."

Now that he's got another three years ahead of him, Richards is turning his efforts toward preserving two things: tribal-member health and tribal lands.

"I look at the tribal member. He's not wealthy, probably not healthy at all. I want to give that tribal member the opportunity to enjoy a good life," he said.

To that end, Richards is proposing an endowment to fund a healthcare plan for all tribal members. Once a pot of money is set aside for the purpose, the interest it generates could pay costs while the principal remains untouched.

Under his plan, tribal members would receive a health insurance card similar to what tribal employees are offered. And he's not wasting any time.

"It's my hope within the first year ... to put a health benefit package together for our tribal people," he said. "Today it's not happening. Today we're stuck in the weeds. Can it be done? Yes."

He's proposing a similar approach to natural resources conservation: Create a second endowment to fund projects to take care of the land. The reservation's fences and ranges have been ne-

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TRIBAL COUNCIL

Cloud aims to improve communication

By Ace Stryker
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

"If we don't communicate with our people on the issues, then why are we here?"

That's the prevailing question that prompted Alex S. Cloud to attempt another run at the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council — one that ended in success as he was sworn in as council member for the second time on Monday, Dec. 17.

"The tribal membership deserves to know what your leadership's up to," he told the Drum in a Wednesday, Dec. 19 interview. "Tribal members deserve that because they voted us in here."

Cloud, who first served on the council from 2009 through 2011, said he hadn't planned to run again — "I was happy not having stress or headaches or anything," he joked — but changed his mind at the urging of other tribal members. He had been working for the tribe's Education Department as youth employment coordinator.

"The lack of communication that's out there between the tribal membership and the leadership is not the greatest," he said. "I think

that's a key to our success."

Cloud said he hopes to change things in several ways. First, he'd like to create a newsletter just for tribal members. It could be mailed to them and include items that aren't meant for public knowledge, as opposed to articles in the Drum or announcements on KSUT.

The council should also prepare regular reports for tribal members on a quarterly or annual basis, he said.

By speaking directly to tribal members through the mail, the council could more effectively share what it's been doing in behalf of its constituents, he said. It would also help lessen the "communication gap" between tribal members living on the reservation and those living elsewhere, he said.

Another of Cloud's priorities familiar to those who know him well is the youth. The tribe must do more to embrace its youth and prepare them for success in life, he said.

"My whole thing is the youth. ... One day they're the ones that are going to run this tribe," he said. "Tribal members have got to open their arms to them and say 'Hey, give them a chance.'"



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Alex S. Cloud takes the oath of office in the council chambers on Monday, Dec. 17.

There are several programs that could be useful in teaching the youth and uniting them more closely with tribal adults and elders, he said.

"I think the key right now to our kids is our Boys & Girls Club," he said. "Working with our youth with the Boys & Girls Club is really important, because that's a program that can really expand a lot of things."

Before returning to the council, Cloud served on the board of directors of the Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. To best help youngsters, Cloud said the club would do well to "understand our way of doing things, be-

cause we're the Southern Ute [club]."

As a third priority, Cloud said more can be done to serve tribal elders.

"The elders and the veterans have blazed us a path, and we've always got to respect that," he said, remembering that as a kid he used to pay less attention to elders' advice. "Now everything they've said has come to the table."

Cloud said the tribe's new Cultural Preservation Department is one of the best vehicles for reaching out to elders.

"They're starting to do more with our elders, and I think that's a good thing," he said.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum



Craig Boss/Special to the Drum

Merry Christmas!

For many young tribal members, Christmas means a visit from Santa Claus himself. On Saturday, Dec. 22, that wish came true for many of Ignacio's youth as Old Saint Nick and Mrs. Claus welcomed them during the holiday program at the Sky Ute Casino Resort. The Southern Ute Royalty took a moment to stand together for a portrait with Santa during the tribal Christmas dinner, followed by many young boys and girls who took the opportunity to add their last-minute wishes to Santa's list.



NEWS IN BRIEF

LOST AND FOUND BICYCLES

The Southern Ute Police Department has recovered bicycles in storage. If you have had your bicycle lost or stolen in the past year, please call the Southern Ute Police Department to see if we have recovered it. You will need to have an accurate description of the bike in order to claim it. Please contact Community Resource Officer Don Folsom at 970-563-0246 ext. 3301.

AGRICULTURAL LAND MANAGERS NOTICE

The Water Quality Program for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe is now accepting applications for the 2013 Cost-share Program. The Cost-share Program is aimed at land managers living within the exterior boundaries of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation on the Animas, Florida and Pine watersheds who are interested in implementing Best Management Practices (BMPs) for more efficient irrigation and/or riparian protection/improvements. The majority of costs are covered by the tribe through conservation agreements in which BMPs such as surface gated pipe, underground pipe and inlet structures, or riparian fencing are implemented. Such BMPs limit return flows from irrigated land and restore/protect critical riparian zones, thus decreasing erosion and other pollutants into our local watersheds. Call project coordinator Pete Nylander at 970-563-0135 for more information.

FREE BISON MEAT AVAILABLE TO TRIBAL MEMBERS

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Division of Wildlife Resource Management maintains a small herd of bison for the Tribe's ceremonial, cultural and dietary needs.

As a service to the tribal membership, the division makes available bison meat to enrolled Southern Ute tribal members free of charge. Tribal bison are grass-fed at low herd density and are free of artificial hormones and other synthetic chemicals. Bison meat is naturally low in cholesterol and an excellent, healthy alternative to beef. If you are an enrolled Southern Ute tribal member interested in obtaining bison meat for personal use, call the Division of Wildlife at 970-563-0130. Quantities and cuts of meat available may be limited.

HOLIDAY TRANSIT SERVICE NOTICE

The holiday season will soon be here. New Year's Day, Transit Waste will be on their regular routes. If you have any questions, call the Utilities Division office at 970-563-5500.

HEALTH CENTER ANNOUNCES NEW HOURS, HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

New hours for the operation of the Southern Ute Health Center will begin on Monday, Dec. 17. The clinic will be open from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. daily, Monday through Friday. The clinic will begin scheduling appointments starting at 8:15 a.m. each day, with the last appointment of the day at 4 p.m. The clinic will be closed each day during the lunch hour between noon and 1 p.m. A receptionist will be available during the lunch period to provide any necessary communications. Appointments are encouraged to ensure timely visits with a primary care provider and the healthcare team. Walk-in visits without an appointment will be seen in order of presentation.

Holiday schedule:

Monday, Dec. 31: 8 a.m. to noon.

MANY MOONS AGO



Dave Brown/SU Drum archive

10 years ago

The faces were as bright as the songs on Friday, Dec. 20, 2002, at the Ignacio Senior Center. Students from the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy dropped in on the Committee of Elders to sing a few Christmas carols, many of them in the Ute language, prior to the start of the regular committee meeting.

This photo first appeared in the Dec. 27, 2002, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.

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glected for too long, he said.

"When you talk about resource development or restoration of resources ... it's an intangible," he said. "You're investing in what the Creator has given us."

Richards concedes that the up-front cost of creating such endowments is formidable, but says that shouldn't stop the council.

"They're both high-priced projects," he said. "It's doable, and they can run at the same time."

One tool he's looking at is workforce reductions. The council should carefully examine its numbers and determine where services are being duplicated or could be done more efficiently, and there make cuts, he said.

The natural resources endowment might be easier to fund because it could also draw from severance taxes and other sources, he said.

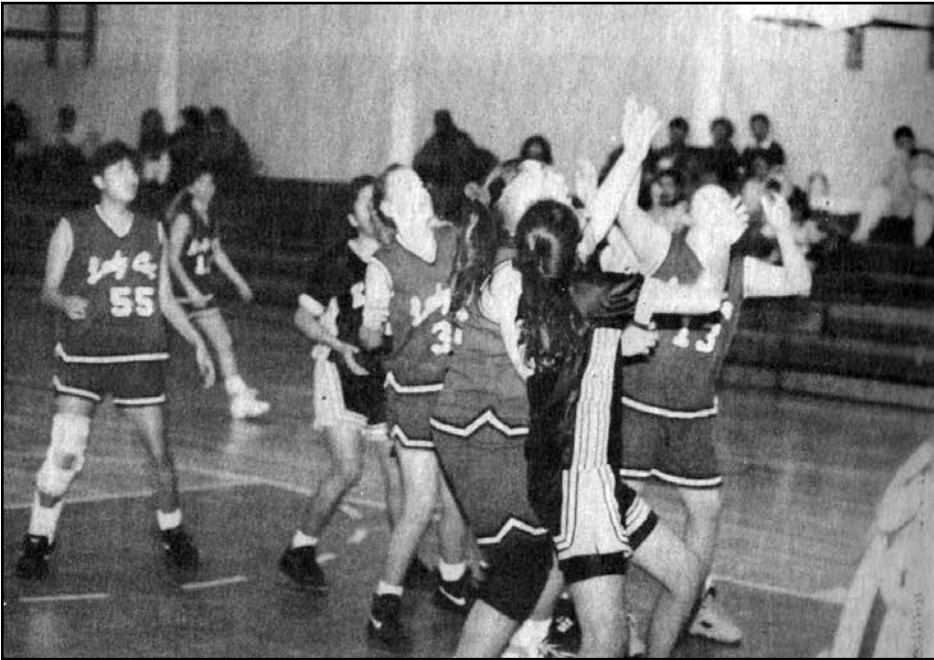
"I worry where the tribe's going to be in 20 years," he said. "We have to be creative, innovative in how we look at that. ... We've got to be better planners in all that we do."

RAFFLE

Win one Cow Elk permit

Hunt will take place Saturday, Jan. 12, through Sunday, Jan. 20, 2013 on the Sandoval/Mesa Hunt Unit/Southern Ute Tribal Land. Guide not provided, but optional for a fee. Tickets are \$5 each, tickets can be purchased at SUCAP Central Administration Offices at 285 Lakin Street, Ignacio. 970-563-4517. Permits are valued at \$300. Drawing will be held Wednesday, Jan. 9. Winners must attend the mandatory orientation on Friday, Jan. 11 at 6 p.m. at the Sky Ute Casino Resort. Must be 14 or older to hunt. 18 and younger must have a Parent/Guardian accompany them. 21 and younger need Hunter Safety Certification.

Permits donated by the Southern Ute Division of Wildlife.



John T. Rehorn/SU Drum archive

20 years ago

Gina Cox, Daphnee Washington (13), and Trisha Nix vie for position under the boards while Alberta Bison (55) looks on during an Ignacio High girls' basketball game.

This photo first appeared in the Dec. 23, 1992, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



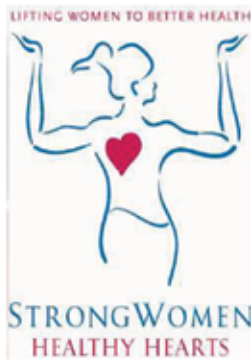
SU Drum archive

30 years ago

Many people helped sack Christmas bags for the Tribal Christmas Program. Betty Eskuche of the Employment Assistance Office offered to start the sacking.

This photo first appeared in the Dec. 31, 1982, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.

StrongWomen Healthy Hearts



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FREE HOME RADON TESTING

The Southern Ute Environmental Programs is offering FREE home radon testing for Tribal members.

Priority to Elders and those with infants in their homes.

Call Peter Dietrich at
970-563-0135 ext. 2238 for more information.



Playing Santa



Ace Stryker/SU Drum

Southern Ute Social Services case workers (left to right) Michelle Olguin, Jeri Sindelar and Jennifer McHorse pose with gifts wrapped and ready for delivery to clients on Tuesday, Dec. 18. Each year, the division prepares gifts for its young clients and their foster families.

Filled with joy



Christopher R. Rizzo/SU Drum

At the Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum, Darlene Frost and Dixie Naranjo helped make Christmas bags for this year's Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy Christmas Program.

THIS IS YOUR LANGUAGE

'ícha-'ara m̃ni 'apaghapi 'ura-'ay

22. Marking referents with zero or suffix pronouns (2 of 2)

By Tom Givón
UTE LANGUAGE PROGRAM

22.2. THE USE OF SUFFIX PRONOUNS

In the next lines of the same story, we see the use of a **suffix pronoun**, twice, in all cases referring to the **object**:

- (3) ...“‘ám̃y-'ura ñ 'añ-pa'a-tugwa-n p̃ni-kya-vaani?”
2s/O -be 1s/S WH-long-go-LOC full-ANT-FUT
... “How long would I keep you full?”
- [0] 'ay-pugay-'u, “ñ-nugway t̃vuchi m̃p̃u-vu-ch̃i 'ura-'ay”
say-REM-3s I/S-TOP very small-DIM-NOM be-IMM
he told **him**, “and I am such a tiny little thing”
- [0] 'áy-pugay-'u...
say-REM-3s
he told **him**...

There are two things one needs to remember first about the use of suffix pronouns in Ute. First, that they are **optional**, so that most often zero expression of a continuing referent will suffice. And second, that they have the **very same form** when referring to the **subject**, **object** or **possessor**. This can be seen in:

- (4) a. **Subject reference:**
kh-'ura ya'ay-kyay-'u
then-be die-ANT-3s
‘Then s/he died’
- b. **Object reference:**
ñ-ga p̃nikya-qhay-'u
I-EM see-ANT-3s
‘I saw **him/her**’
- c. **Possessor reference:**
ñ-ga tuachi-'u p̃nikya-qha
I-EM child-3s see-ANT
‘I saw **his/her** child’

But in transitive clauses where both the subject and the object are either **third person singular** (and animate) as in (3) above or **third person plural**, how can one tell whether the suffix pronoun refers to the subject or object? That is, in examples like:

- (5) a. **Two third-person-SG participants:**
kh-'ura p̃nikya-qhay-'u
then see-ANT-3s
‘Then s/he saw him/her’
- b. **Two third-person-PL participants:**
kh-'ura p̃nikya-qhay-kya-**am̃**
they see-PL-ANT-3p
‘Then they saw them’

The answer is that in all cases in recorded Ute texts where there is a difference in number, person or gender between the subject and object, the suffix pronoun in transitive clauses refers to the **object**, never to the subject. The following examples are all from recorded Ute texts:

- (6) a. **Difference in number (third-PL vs. third-SG):**
...‘uwas-'ura: “ ‘agha-ni-uchaa?” ‘áy-puga-**am̃**...
3s/S-be WH-do-INC tell-REM-3p
‘...so he asked **them**: “What are you fixing to do?”...’
- b. **Difference in person (third-PL vs. first-SG):**
‘... “...uru kukwapi-paa-tugwa-n w̃nay-kya-n” máy-puga-'ura...
that/O firewood/O-DIR-go-on throw-PL/IMP-1s say-REM-be
‘... “...then (you-all) throw **me** on that pile of firewood” he said...’
- c. **Difference in gender (animate vs. inanimate):**
...kh-'ura kw̃-kw̃vi-gha-**am̃**, tu-tuṽ-ch̃a-pugay-**ku** 'um̃s...
then-be RED-lie/PL-PAR-3p RED-pluck-catch-REM-it 3p/S
‘...so then while **they** were all asleep, (some people) plucked **it** (feathers)...’

22.3. THE POSITION OF THE SUFFIX PRONOUN

The last thing to remember about suffix pronouns in Ute is that they need not appear on the **verb**, but could be suffixed to **any word** in the clause, most commonly the first word. Thus consider the following examples from recorded Ute stories:

- (7) a. **Verb:** ...‘uwas-'ura: “ ‘agha-ni-uchaa?” ‘ay-puga-**am̃**...
3s/S-be WH-do-INCEP say-REM-them
...“what are you fixing to do?” he **asked** them...
- b. **Locative:** ...‘i-vaa-ñm̃ ‘ani-k̃i p̃r̃-kwa-y nagukw̃-kya-ta-miya-gha...
here-at-1p do-IMM go/PL-go-IMM fight-PL-PASS-go-PAR
‘...**here** we are flocking (because) there’ll be fighting...’
- c. **Locative:** ...yua-vaa-t̃-am̃ tavi-navich̃i-ku-'uru...
plain-at-DIR-3p step-MASS-SUB-that
‘...when they would land **in the open country**...’
- d. **Negative word:** ...k̃ach-in ‘ásti-wa máy ‘uni-'a-vaa-ku...
‘...NEG-1s want-NEG that.one/O do/be-ASP-IRR-SUB
‘...**I don’t** want him to be (here with us)...’
- e. **Interjection:** ...“ ‘uṽs-1s chika-ghwa”...
end-3s fetch-go/IMP
‘...**alright**, go fetch him...
- f. **Pronoun:** ...‘um̃s-'u ...pi-vía-am̃ máy-vaachi...
3p/S-3s RED-mother-their say-BKGR
‘...**they**... their mother said...’
- g. **Connective:** ...‘áy-puga ‘uwas ‘áwyaq̃h-'u...
say-REM 3s/S then-3s
‘... he said **then**...’
- h. **Object noun:** kh-'ura sinawavi-khu 'uru magha-puay-aghay-'u...
then-be Sinawav/O-it that/O feed-REM-CONCL-3s
‘...then he fed it to **Sinawav**...’
- i. **Subject pronoun:** ...‘uwas-ukh ‘úu-pa ‘uni-puga...
3s/SU-it there-DIR do-REM
‘...so **he** did just that...’
- j. **Manner-ADV:** ...m̃-ra-t̃-aa-ni-am̃ ‘uni-puga-s̃...
that-be-NOM-O-do-3p do-REM-C
‘...so they did **exactly that way**...’
- k. **Question word:** ...‘ipu-m-su-aa-khu ‘inay t̃aani-vaa-t̃-s̃ ‘inay?...
WH/O-INSTR-C-Q-it this/O skin-IRR-NOM-C this/O
‘...**what** shall I skin this one with?...’

Since the use of Ute suffix pronouns is optional, their deployment in oral text by fluent speakers can be both subtle and complex.

'uṽs. Toghoy-aq̃h

CULTURAL UPDATE

ATTENTION PERFORMERS

The Cultural Preservation Department is looking to update and add on to the list for all Native powwow dancers, Ute Bear dancers, and Ute lame and T dancers. If you know you’re on the list but haven’t been contacted in a while, it’s because you need to update your information. Call Tara Vigil, special events coordinator, at 970-563-0100 ext. 3624 or 970-442-1185 or email tvigil@southern-ute.nsn.us. The department is also looking for interested Ute flute players, Ute storytellers, Ute artists, Ute speakers and presenters, and Ute beaders and seamstresses for teaching classes and performing at events.

MUSEUM’S NEW HOURS

The Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum will now be closed Saturday through Monday, until Memorial Day weekend when we move back to our summer hours. We will also be closed for the holidays starting Dec. 22 through Jan. 2, 2013. For further information contact the museum at 970-563-9583.

POWWOW COMMITTEE VACANCY

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe has four Powwow Committee member vacancies. Must be an enrolled Southern Ute tribal member or a Native American community member. Members serve on a voluntary basis. The responsibility of the Southern Ute Indian Powwow Committee is to promote

the traditions and culture of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe through powwows. All interests individuals are urged to submit a letter of intent to Personnel Department in the Leonard C. Burch Tribal Administration Building.

REQUEST FOR RESEARCH PARTICIPANTS

Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum in coordination with Fielding Graduate University. Interested tribal members and community member input is needed for an educational leadership and change research committee. SUCCM has approved of the director to work on this project involving “participatory action research.” The committee will meet at the beginning and the end of the study. Membership on the committee is voluntary and will be for approximately 18-24 months. The committee will evaluate SUCCM and discuss ideas that will help the museum be sustainable in order to preserve Ute traditions, history and cultural education programs. Please submit a letter of intent in person to SUCCM or by mail to P.O. Box 737, #95, Ignacio, CO 81137.

UTE LANGUAGE 103

The Cultural Preservation Department is continuing the Ute language classes. The classes will be held in the Southern Ute Museum’s large classroom, Wednesdays from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The classes will be taught by Dr. Tom Givon and Alden Naranjo Jr.

Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Committee

Open to all Southern Ute enrolled tribal youth ages 13-19

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Sky Dawn Sandoval at 970-563-0100 ext. 2207 or 970-749-5355



Just desserts



Christopher R. Rizzo/SU Drum

Students of the Southern Ute Montessori Academy were in line for a special treat on Wednesday, Dec. 19: To celebrate the school earning the Chairman's Award at the Southern Ute Tribal Fair Parade in September, the school hosted an ice cream party.

SUNUTE RECREATION

New manager draws on military experience, but focuses on fun

By Ace Stryker
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Lest you think Kevin Winkler's 22 years of U.S. military service have turned him into some kind of a fitness hard case, he smiles freely and states simply his goal as the SunUte Community Center's new recreation manager: Above all, have fun.

A former U.S. Navy intelligence analyst with stints in Central America, Europe and Southeast Asia, the energetic Winkler — who seems too young to have already retired once — has big plans. For 15 of those years, he also served as a command fitness leader, tasked with helping shipmates maintain good health.

One way he approached that assignment was to host fitness competitions between commands.

"It's very similar to what the Tri-Ute Games does for the tribes," he said.

It's a good thing, too: It just so happens that during his first year on the job, it's the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's turn to host the games. Winkler, who started his new job in late October after briefly lifeguarding at SunUte, is already working with Director Kristi Garnanez on plans for next summer's games.

Stationed in Hawaii for the last 10 years of his service, Winkler also worked at the Outdoor Adventure Center on the Navy's Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. There he helped develop hiking, climbing and kayaking events — as well as "24 Hours of Hell in Paradise," a mountain bike endurance race.

Following his retirement in 2010, Winkler found his way back to his family's 510-acre homestead property north of Ignacio. The area is primarily pine forest, and Winkler began developing a tree farm plan.

"I was really actually

planning to do just that," he said.

But the plan changed when he showed up at SunUte one day to refresh his First Aid certification. Shortly after, he began lifeguarding — and when the job posting for recreation manager appeared, he couldn't resist.

He said he was attracted by "the idea of actually running a program where I can help out a large number of people ... by developing a lifestyle of being active and doing fun stuff, because there are so many fun things to do in this area and this facility alone."

Winkler said he'd like to develop more programs for certain segments of the community, including families, elders, and the disabled. He plans to solicit opinions from tribal members using focus groups.

"I want to find out from them what they would like to do," he said. "We want to work with the community as much as we can. We're a part of the community, not a separate entity from it."

Already he's begun hosting family field trips in conjunction with the Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad. Another idea is family ski trips, where families who haven't skied before could take a lesson together, he said.

"Simple trips ... that just get families to spend time together," he said.

Winkler said he plans to continue with existing programs, such as youth and adult basketball leagues.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Kevin Winkler is the new recreation manager at the SunUte Community Center.

Rather than replace those things, he hopes to augment and complement them with other programs.

"It's so great to have a collective group that you're working with, because then you can hone in on what they want," he said.

Other items on Winkler's lengthy list of ideas include hiking and backpacking trips; youth leagues for traditional Native American games, such as shinny and lacrosse; and a skate park, which he's already discussing with entities that have built one before, such as the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe and the Town of Bayfield.

"Hopefully by the end of next year, we'll break ground," he said.

As Winkler's boss, Garnanez said she's seen his enthusiasm beginning to spread among other SunUte staffers — inspiring them to "up their game," she said.

"He's been a really great addition to the management team," she said. "We knew that he has some challenges that he's up against, but he was raring to go."

Teddy Bear Love for Newtown



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Kids and bears converge in the Ignacio Elementary School for a class photo on Friday, Dec. 21. Students under the direction of third grade instructor Deb Otten have donated teddy bears for the project Teddy Bear Love. The stuffed animals will be shipped together with a class photo to the students and community members in Newtown, Conn. following the school tragedy of Dec. 14.

EDUCATION UPDATE

GED TEST DATES

The Department of Education would like to announce the GED test dates for the upcoming months: Jan. 11, Feb. 1 and March 1. The test is held at the Southern Ute Education Building at 330 Burns Ave. Registration and payments are due by Tuesday before the test. Scholarships are available for Native Americans who live within 50 miles of the service area, spend 12 hours in class, score a 450 on practice tests and submit paperwork two weeks in advance. For more information, call Pine River Community Learning Center at 970-563-0681 or Donna Broad at 970-563-0237 or 970-749-1953. Computer based GED testing is available through Pearson Vue

Testing. Register, pay and schedule at www.GEDcomputer.com. The test must be taken at The Southern Ute Education Center. Call 970-759-1953 for details. The GED test will be changing January 2014. All previous test scores will expire and students will need to retake all 5 sections. It is important that students complete all 5 sections of their GED before the January 2014 date. Also, the Education Department has an online GED Academy classroom that is available for at home GED test preparation. Please call Donna Broad at 970-563-0237 ext. 2784 or 970-749-1953 for passwords. There is a minimum time requirement each week to be allowed to use this program.

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

The Southern Ute Education Department and staff introduced a special recognition program last year, the program for the young and the talented Southern Ute students attending Ignacio public schools. The staff will recognize two students a month for all their hard work and kindness given to others. Check the Drum each month and listen to KSUT for the announcement of the next honored students as well as an interview.



photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

JOSEPH ANTHONY VIGIL JR.
7th grade, Ignacio Jr. High School
Parents/grandparents: Joe Vigil Sr. and Joyce Vigil; grandparents Darlene Frost and Pete Vigil; great-grandparents Annette and Jack Frost, Jenny and Alcari Vigil.
Subject(s) strengths in school? Math.
Hobbies/pastimes: Listening to Eminem, playing games.
When I grow up, I want to be: I would like to be a game developer.
Teacher's comment: Joe was identified by several teachers as a person who has made significant progress in becoming more focused during class and has increased his interest in maintaining good grades. Joe is pleasant to work with and has a positive attitude about keeping his schoolwork a priority. Teachers have also said that Joe is well mannered and is respectful to elders. Great efforts, Joe, and keep up the good work.

RAELYNN TORRES
11th grade, Ignacio High School
Parents/grandparents: Mark and Vanessa Torres.
Subject(s) strengths in school? Science and English.
Hobbies/pastimes: School activities
When you grow up, I want to be: I want to attend college after high school.
Teacher's comment: Raelynn has shown excellent effort this year and made honor roll for the first quarter. Her great attitude and diligence make her an easy candidate for student of the month.

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IHS BOYS' BASKETBALL

Cats suffer first loss to Pagosa Springs in 53-50 thriller

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Three-quarters of the game was indeed a game. The other 25 percent wasn't. The good news about those eight minutes was that the Bobcats were in near-complete control. The bad news was that they came in the first quarter, and not the fourth, as they closed out 2012 with a nail-biting 53-50 loss at 3A Pagosa Springs on Friday, Dec. 21. It wasn't official until freshman Wyatt Hayes' prayer from mid-court rang off the rim.

"I think this is a good challenge for us to step up," said Ignacio head coach Chris Valdez, "and say 'Hey, we lost one. That's OK. We're going to get back to it in January and do something different, try to get back our winning ways.'"

"We've got a lot to work on, especially on offense. We get stagnant out there; we don't have a lot of good motion. We're afraid to penetrate," he said. "And we're a young team; we didn't bring a senior over here."

"The game was pretty crazy," agreed Hayes (11 points), whose long-range attempt ending the first half was smothered before it even got up off the floor. "It was fun, and we played pretty good. But we just need to work on free throws and controlling the ball."

Behind posts Justin Carver and Adison Jones, who each drained one three-pointer, Ignacio (4-1, 0-0 2A/1A San Juan Basin League) sprinted up, down, and out to a 17-8 lead after one frame. But six of the Pirates' points belonged to senior sparkplug Kain Lucero, who took it upon himself to involve his teammates even more — pressuring all Bobcats, not just Hayes or junior Clayton Jefferson in the backcourt.

Netting five more of his game-best 19 points in the second, Lucero also got help scoring from four teammates as Ignacio's lead shrank to just 24-23 at half-time.

"[He's] robably the best



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Adison Jones (33) and Justin Carver (3) grant no easy passage to Pagosa Springs' Dean Hampton (13) near the hoop during Friday, Dec. 21 non-league action at PSHS.

point guard in the state in the 2A/3A levels combined. The kid is a true thing; we've got to do a better job of containing him," Valdez said, "picking him up — not just hedging him and going away so he can shoot the wide-open three, even three or four feet back. He's got that range."

Playing essentially a two-quarter game, Pagosa Springs (6-0, 0-0 3A Intermountain) made the first move in the third when senior Zach Griego tipped in a Garek Erskine miss for Springs' first lead at 25-24 with 6:49 left. Jefferson answered with a free throw to tie, and the atmosphere was set.

Pirate senior Dean Hampton (13 points) put in a soft floater for the lead, only to see Hayes can his first of three treys for a 28-27 Bobcat lead. Jefferson (seven) followed well with a triple of his own, but an Erskine 15-footer soon retied the game at 31, and a long Lucero triple put the Pirates back out front.

The lead would remain theirs entering the fourth, at 39-35 after Griego (eight points) and Ignacio's Bo Ward swapped two-pointers late.

Hayes began the fourth with a three, but Pagosa's Quinn Smith (seven points) countered with an "and-one" effort inside and Lucero drained his fourth three in quick support for a 45-38. However, Jones (14 points) responded with a three out of the right corner, then came up with a splendid

steal and coast-to-coast layup, taking a hard foul from Smith to boot, retrying the score at 45-all.

"Justin and Adison ... really hadn't had the big 'breakout' games," Valdez said, "and today they were able to have those games with rebounds, and helpers, and some nice shooting."

Junior Kelton Richmond (six points), held in check throughout, hit two free throws with 4:44 left to put the Cats ahead once more before PSHS skipper Randy Sorenson drastically slowed the game's pace. In fact, the Pirates' last true possession killed almost 80 seconds of clock time before Ignacio came up with a well-earned stop and regained the ball with 0:13 left.

After a Valdez timeout, the ball went by design to Jones near the top of the key, and Jones spotted Carver (10 points) establishing position down low on the right block. His pass was on target, but its recipient was not and the ball sailed harmlessly into the pom-pom-waving Pirettes.

"Justin just tripped," Valdez said. "That would have gave us an opportunity to at least try to win the game. Or tie the game, so I thought we ran the right play. And it didn't work out for us, but Pagosa has a great team."

"We've had three tough games out of five," he said, looking at Ignacio's Jan. 8, 2013, trip to Dolores, and the Jan. 10-13 Aztec, N.M., Rumble in "The Jungle." "That's why we made the schedule that way."



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Pam Cotton (23) puts her foot to the floor as she drives baseline around Pagosa Springs' Payton Shahan (2) during the Friday, Dec. 21 non-league action at PSHS.

IHS GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Three queens fight full house

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

There was no way they should have been put into that situation.

Just one regular on the floor, flanked by two "swinger" players up from the junior varsity, four seconds left, no substitutes available, and still with a chance to at least force overtime — if not pull off a shocker for the ages and win outright in regulation.

With Pam Cotton lost earlier in the quarter — and perhaps for the rest of her senior season — to a serious right knee injury, and their starting backcourt already in foul trouble with not even two frames fully finished, Ignacio was dead to rights against Pagosa Springs on Friday, Dec. 21. Anissa Lucero's three-pointer eight seconds before halftime, capping a 17-0 run, should have been the only nail needed for the coffin.

But on the night of the world's predicted demise, the Lady Bobcats kept playing the role of the undead. Even in their own Cove, the Lady Pirates never truly buried the underdogs.

"They were going to fight," IHS head coach Justa Whitt said. "In my opinion, we won the game."

"We have a saying: 'To the last minute, to the last second, to the last shot,'" said IHS senior Valerie Armstrong (eight points). "And the girls did that tonight. I was so proud of them."

Having somehow banked in a long runner despite being fouled in a hostility-marred fourth quarter, then the "and-one" free throw with 0:10 remaining that cut Pagosa Springs' lead to 45-42, Ignacio senior Mariah Vigil had to watch — along with Roshae Weaver and Chrystianne Valdez — anxiously as Lucero

toed the stripe needing just one of two charity chucks to ensure victory.

Neither went. And given the massive momentum swing being witnessed, the bricks were fitting.

Springs' halftime advantage had stood 24-11, but dwindled to just 30-26 after the third with dynamic Lady Cat guards Michelle Simmons and Sky Cotton combining for 13 of Ignacio's 15 points in the frame — while each playing with four fouls.

"Well, this has happened to us before," said Vigil, acknowledging Ignacio's knack for comebacks. "We knew we just had to come out strong and control the tempo the first three minutes of the second half. That's where it really counts, so we really tried to do that."

Cotton's second trey — her first had begun the quarter — brought Ignacio all the way back to 28-26 with 3:26 left, the closest they'd been since leading 11-7 with 5:52 left in the second before Lady Pirate reserves Shannel Wilson and Taylor Hammer sparked Pagosa Springs' aforementioned spree.

Pam Cotton had gone down 55 seconds earlier on a pump fake in transition that fooled Springs' Taylor Strohecker into going airborne and then down on top of the Lady Bobcat forward, whose knee was already precariously wrenched by the force of her abrupt braking.

Pagosa Springs soph Payton Shahan started the fourth with five straight points, and as Simmons (10 points, all in the second half) triggered Ignacio's penultimate push — with Armstrong at last tying the count at 37 on a triple — reserve guard Gabriela Garcia became the first Lady Cat to foul out, with 4:36 remaining.

Simmons received her fifth with 2:32 left on a

tick-tack touch defending a Shahan basket. Shahan (16 points, 4-10 FT) clanked her "and-one" attempt, but fortunately for the hosts, Sky Cotton (seven points) was hit with her fifth just six seconds later and left with a pained limp in her stride.

"When we got down to four players, they just had to keep fighting," Whitt said. "That's the motto that they're trying to live by this year."

Junior Emily Bryant (seven points) dropped in both freebies for a 41-37 lead, but just 11 seconds later the 6-foot-2 junior Strohecker — held to just eight — fouled out at the defensive end of the court.

Valdez, a freshman, swished the two biggest free throws of her young career, but Armstrong was whistled for her fifth personal with 1:35 left, taking away the Lady Bobcats' best long-distance threat.

That should have done it for Pagosa Springs (5-1, 0-0 3A Intermountain).

"They played with more heart than I've ever seen them play," Whitt stated. "That's the kind of stuff we've been trying to get out of them this whole time."

"We just knew we couldn't give up; we had to give it our all," Vigil (12 points, 2-7 FT) said. "Especially because there was only three of us; that's all we could do. And it felt great to do that."

Up next, Ignacio (3-2, 0-0 2A/1A San Juan Basin) opens 2013 with SJBL play at Dolores on Tuesday, Jan. 8.

"They're like our new rival now," said Vigil, expecting another wild contest, "and it's exciting against them because both of us are playing as hard as we can. To be on top of the other: that's exciting."

"We'll bring it," Armstrong said. "We go hard in practice. We'll be ready."

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Gearing up



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Sporting the varsity's old togs for a game, Ignacio's Chrystianne Valdez (4) splits two Pagosa Springs players for a shot during JV action Friday, Dec. 21 at PSHS. The shorthanded Lady Bobcats (0-2) fell to the Lady Pirates 71-20, with four of the seven players (including Valdez) then having to re-dress for varsity play immediately following the contest.



Top 15 news trends of 2012

15. Elders’ arts and crafts

The Southern Ute Multi-purpose Facility has become a second home to many tribal elders, who regularly convene to work on projects and catch up with one another. In 2012, elders went about creating many of the same things they do each year — for example, Bear Dance attire — but also took part in special projects, such as the creation of ornaments to be sent to Washington, D.C., for adornment on the Capitol Christmas tree.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

14. Young scientists in the making

This year saw young tribal members learning a lot about the hard sciences, especially with hands-on interactive experiences. The Lego League, the Little Shop of Physics, and Fish in the Classroom were just a few of the opportunities for budding Newtons and Einsteins to expand their minds.



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13. The powwow circuit

Powwows are a huge part of Native culture, and 2012 was a banner year for Southern Ute participation. From local events — such as the Tribal Fair & Powwow, the Bear Dance Powwow, the Veterans Powwow, and Fort Lewis College’s Hozhoni Days Powwow — to big national events like Denver March and the Gathering of Nations, tribal members were there for it all.



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12. Hunting and fishing on tribal lands

These traditional activities were popular in 2012 — among both youth and adults, both tribal members and visitors. New this year was a turkey hunt for young tribal members, which was filmed for broadcast on the National Wild Turkey Federation’s “Turkey Call” TV show, and a dock at Scott’s Pond to facilitate fishing. The tribe also continued many of its popular ongoing programs, including a January cow elk hunt for members of other tribes and partnerships allowing tribal leaders to conduct “cultural hunts” on the reservation.



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11. Preserving the Ute language

The Drum, with its new Ute language column this year, wasn’t nearly the only one sharing the good word with tribal members. Youth classes continued at the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy, complemented by more adult-oriented efforts — including one class headed by tribal elder Alden Naranjo and Tom Givon (who writes our column), and another by tribal elder Lynda Grove-D’Wolf.



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

10. Community walks

Few things could be called as traditional as walking, an activity humans have done since time immemorial. But tribal members have found ways to put a new spin on it, whether by doing it to celebrate a person or cause — as with the Day of Remembrance and the Vigil and (new this year) Burch memorial walks — or to promote healthy living. That was the focus of the Just Move It walk in June and — the granddaddy of them all — the 19-mile Walking Together for Healthier Nations event that led walkers from Colorado, Utah and Arizona to meet at the Four Corners Monument.

9. Energy development

Red Willow Production Co. celebrated its 20th year in business this year by inviting the community out to a Cajun boil, complete with authentic music from zydeco group BeauSoleil. Also this year, at the request of the federal government, Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council Vice Chairman James M. Olguin made a trip to Washington, D.C., to testify before Congressional committees on energy issues, advancing the tribe’s role as “warriors in the halls of Congress.”



Ace Stryker/SU Drum



Suzi Richards/SU Drum

8. Culture at Fort Lewis

Fort Lewis College is widely known in Indian Country as a destination for Native American higher education, but this year they also connected with the local community in several key ways. In February, the student organization All People’s Lodge hosted its first annual Elders Day, honoring a group of Southern Ute elders and inviting them to share personal stories. The Fort Lewis Buffalo Council hosted its annual Buffalo Harvest in March, an event that several tribal members attended.



7. Neighbors in the Four Corners community

In 2012, the Southern Ute Indian Tribe reached out to its Four Corners neighbors in a host of new ways. In late September, dozens of tribal members lined up along the Animas River Trail and held hands in a chain of people more than 9,000 long to commemorate the seven-mile stretch of paved trail along the river through Durango. Traditional dancers also shared Ute culture at a National Geographic Society “geotourism” event in June in Aztec, N.M., and at the 2012 USA Pro Challenge in August in Durango.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

6. Ignacio High wrestling

It might be a long time before the tribe again sees an individual athlete like Alex Pena, who won three state wrestling titles in four years before graduating from Ignacio High School in 2012. Overall the Bobcats finished 14th at the Colorado State Wrestling Championships in February.



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5. Wildfires (again!)

When we picked wildfires as a trend in 2011, we figured it might be years before we saw another summer as dry. But 2012 came along with a fury, lighting up huge portions of Colorado and headlining national news for months. Locally, smoke was a concern and road closures intermittently stymied travel due to the State Line Fire on the reservation and larger blazes just up the road near Mancos, Pagosa Springs and Vallecito.

4. Chimney Rock

For one day in September, Chimney Rock became a federal government focal point. Obama Cabinet members Ken Salazar and Tom Vilsack joined Colorado Congressmen and Southern Ute leaders to celebrate the establishment of Chimney Rock National Monument, a designation meant to protect the sacred Pueblo site and stimulate tourism in the area.



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3. The Cultural Preservation Department

The tribe’s newest department wasted no time getting to work in 2012. Staffers took the reins of several large local events, including the Southern Ute Tribal Fair and the holiday dinners, but were seen just as often at functions around the country as they were at home. Whether to Meeker, Colo., for the blessing of the Capitol Christmas tree or to Washington, D.C., for the Smithsonian Institution’s Living Earth Festival, Elise Redd, Tara Vigil and team never slowed down for a minute.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

2. Sovereign relations

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe continued in 2012 to grow its national reputation as a leader in Indian Country. On the state level, the tribe placed its flag permanently in the Capitol building in Denver. Meetings with Lt. Gov. Joe Garcia and other state officials also continued under the Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs, a unique fixture in tribe-to-state relations. Nationally, Chairman Jimmy R. Newton Jr. and Vice Chairman James M. Olguin each traveled to Washington, D.C., for important meetings with federal officials. Finishing out the year in early December was President Obama’s White House Tribal Nations Conference, which Newton attended.



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1. Wildlife management

Perhaps nothing appeared in the pages of The Southern Ute Drum so often this year as news about local wildlife, which maintains a special cultural significance to tribal members. We learned about the tribe’s annual aerial game count and its bison herd in January, its role in helping release an injured eagle back into the wild in June, and its work restoring endangered fish populations as part of the San Juan River Basin Recovery Implementation Program in August — to name just a few stories. Through it all, we learned just how deep the tribe’s commitment to its local wildlife is.



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COMMUNITY GREETINGS

IN LOVING MEMORY OF KENNETH ELBERT BURCH JR.

“Remember Me”

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Will you remember me? When during the sunrise and sunsets..

Will you remember me? Now and forever..

I will always remember...

By Maxine Silva

TO MY FAMILY FROM MEL PEABODY

I'll be home for Christmas,

so please don't be sad this is the greatest Christmas that I've ever had.

I'll be home for Christmas so please don't grieve to long.

In heaven here with Jesus is where we all belong.

The world is full of struggles no matter where you roam.

But please don't be discouraged the world is not our home.

I'll be home for Christmas and one day, so will you.

The angles are waiting and I'll be waiting too.

By Anon

EXPRESS YOUR OPINIONS

SCHOOL GRADES: A RESPONSE

Many of you have asked about the newspaper article that was published in the Durango Herald on Dec. 21.

I have visited the web site, www.coloradoschoolgrades.com, many times, read many of the blogs, and I am still trying to figure out the thinking behind the coalition to translate the Colorado Department of Education's school performance data into letter grades.

I would like to find out the real agenda of this coalition. Do they have a bigger agenda to destroy public education?

They say that it is to make the information easier to understand. They have created more confusion for the public. Which to believe?

School districts receive certification and accreditation by the Colorado Department of Education and not from an independent coalition, and that is the one that the public needs to follow and believe.

It is my understanding that the coalition has spent approximately \$1 million to come up with their scale and advertisement. If the coalition really cared about the education of Colorado students, they could have used that money more constructively in scholarships or to supplement the Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Program. Funding for this program was cut, and Ignacio School District still funds it. Thanks to our local BP for their support, buying school supplies for needy students and books for libraries, etc.

The coalition makes suggestions on ways for parents to get involved in the educational system. These suggestions are not any different that most of us in the state have been preaching for many years: visit schools, volunteer, call the principal or superintendent, participate in Accountability Committees. If the coalition wants to help, please provide us with resources so we can get parents to be involved.

Ignacio School District is very proud of the achievements by our students, the traditions and the multicultural makeup of the district.

Yes, we were rated low by the coalition, but that was based on only one test. They do not include any of the accomplishments of the district.

Ignacio School District is on a three-year improvement plan. Every staff member has been working to revise and rewrite curriculum and align it to common standards, creating benchmarks and rubrics to eventually create a culture in which every student will be successful.

Also, we have formed a High Expectations Committee to put more emphasis on creating a culture of higher expectations for all. We offer many programs that are not tested on state assessments: a gifted and talented program, a vocational program, K-12 music and art, K-12 technology, a one-to-one computer ratio for every freshmen, and extracurricular activities — not just in sports, but band, choir, a Native American drum group, Knowledge Bowl, Lego League, ACT prep for junior high school students, science fairs, tutoring, field trips, etc.

Our community approved a bond to build and renovate all of our buildings. What a sacrifice for our students.

At Ignacio School District, we have created a vision where we know what we need to do to improve our district, and we will stay focused on that path regardless of any group's opinion about the performance of our students and staff. We have very dedicated staff that will accomplish our goals even when an outsider, not knowing anything about our culture, tries to reduce the morale of our community.

The best way to find out how a school is doing is to visit that school several times and see what type of education and environment is taking place. Visit our schools!

*Rocco Fuschetto, Ed. D.
Superintendent,
Ignacio School District*

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO VETERANS

During this special holiday season, we at the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs express our heartfelt thanks to the men and wom-

en of our armed forces for safeguarding us all.

They and their families sacrifice so much for this nation, and we are deeply grateful to them. We are equally honored to salute the more-than-22 million living American veterans who similarly distinguished themselves in years past. Their collective service is the bedrock of our nation's sovereignty and the guarantor of our security as a democracy.

They bequeath to us the greatest gift of all: the freedom to decide how to live our lives. And in that gift resides the freedom to choose how to celebrate this special season.

This is a beautiful time of year, and an appropriate opportunity to reflect on our noble mission of caring for those who have borne the battle, and for their survivors.

About 3.5 million service members have volunteered since the attacks of 9/11. More than 1.5 million of them have deployed to, and returned from, combat missions in Iraq and Afghanistan. Roughly a million service members will be leaving the ranks of the military in the next five years.

They only ask that we give them the ability to choose how to live the rest of their lives. We have a mission because these courageous men and women have been willing to risk everything for us. Let us not disappoint them. They have done their duty; let us do ours.

On their behalf, we have accomplished a lot at VA. I have asked a great deal of every employee at VA. It is a busy time with so much to accomplish for these young men and women, who stand today where some of us have stood in years past.

I wish you and your loved ones the most blessed of holidays, much happiness, and good fortune in the new year. May God bless each and every one of you. May God bless the men and women who serve, and have served, in uniform. And may God continue to bless this wonderful country of ours. Merry Christmas!

*Eric K. Shinseki
U.S. secretary of
Veterans Affairs*

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NATIONAL RADON MONTH

Radon: What is it?

By Peter Diethrich
SU ENVIRONMENTAL
PROGRAMS

Seeing as January is National Radon Month, I thought it'd be a good idea to share some radon information for the New Year. Radon is a naturally occurring, colorless, odorless, radioactive gas that is the second-leading cause of lung cancer behind smoking, with more than 21,000 deaths per year. Cigarette smoking quadruples the risk of lung cancer when mixed with radon exposure.

Radon comes from the nuclear disintegration of unstable uranium atoms in the ground. Radon is measured in picocuries per liter (pCi/L), or one-trillionth of a liter. The experts at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency have set the "actionable level" at 4.0 pCi/L.

The average outside radon level is about 0.4 pCi/L. Our bodies are accustomed to this and can defend themselves from radon's affects.

Radon by itself is not harmful: It's in the same

group of gases as helium, which is chemically inactive, but radon quickly turns into other radioactive elements once it gets into your lungs. The process takes less than an hour once radon starts to disintegrate: from uranium, to radon, to polonium, to lead (stable).

If all of these elements stayed as solids, there wouldn't be much of a problem — but radon is a gas, and that's how it gets into your lungs. Radioactive elements are very unstable and become a different element after a period of time until they stabilize.

Every time a radioactive element becomes a different element, a small amount of energy and matter is released, like a tiny explosion. This can damage your lung cells' DNA, and when a damaged cell goes to make a copy of itself, it makes a "bad" copy, which becomes a cancer cell.

Radon gets into homes in many different ways, but the biggest cause is the house itself. Buildings create a natural vacuum of low pressure

on the ground they're built on. The vacuum created is so small that it is very difficult to measure — but that's all it takes for radon to find its way in, especially when the heat is on or it's very windy outside.

Cinder-block basements are especially susceptible to letting radon in. Fixing the problem can be a very simple process, but it depends on the building; each one is different, so the fixes can be quite different from house to house.

Most fixes involve drawing a small amount of air from under the house to prevent radon from getting in. If too much air is pulled from under the house, the problem becomes back-drafting natural gas appliances, which can cause carbon monoxide poisoning that can kill in minutes — whereas issues with radon generally take much longer.

For more information or to arrange for a free radon test, call Peter Diethrich at 970-563-0135 ext. 2238 or visit the Southern Ute Environmental Programs website at www.southernute-nsn.gov/environmental-programs/general-assistance-program.

NOTICE – SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

NOTICE OF DIRECT FINAL RULEMAKING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON (1) INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE OF CERTAIN EPA-ESTABLISHED NEW SOURCE PERFORMANCE STANDARDS AND CERTAIN NATIONAL EMISSION STANDARDS FOR HAZARDOUS AIR POLLUTANTS AS PART OF THE RESERVATION AIR CODE AND (2) CERTAIN NON-CONTOVERSIAL REVISIONS TO THE TITLE V OPERATING PERMIT PROGRAM

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe/State of Colorado Environmental Commission is taking direct final action on (1) the addition of certain new source performance standards and certain national emission standards for hazardous air pollutants to the Reservation Air Code ("RAC") and (2) certain insignificant revisions to the Commission's Title V Operating Permit Program ("Title V Program"). The new source performance standards ("NSPS") and national emission standards for hazardous air pollutants ("NESHAP") are those that have been established by the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") under Sections 111 and 112 of the Clean Air Act ("CAA"), respectively, and which generally apply to oil and gas operations on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. The incorporation by reference of the NSPS and NESHAP into the RAC will enable the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and the Commission to exercise authority with respect to the incorporated standards and requirements and will reduce administrative burdens on owners and operators. The insignificant revisions to the Commission's Title V Program will eliminate discovered typos, correct spacing errors, make minor clarifying corrections, and, at the request of operators, add a method for operators to choose to calculate fees that will be simpler, but will result in a higher payment.

I. Dates. This action is effective on 01/29/13 without further notice, unless the Commission receives relevant adverse comments by 12/29/12. If the Commission receives relevant adverse comments, it will publish a timely withdrawal in the same manner in which this notice was published informing the public that this action will not take effect.

The addition of the NSPS and NESHAP to the RAC is conditioned upon the Tribe receiving authorization from the EPA to implement NSPS and NESHAP (established by EPA under Sections 111 and 112 of the CAA, respectively) on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. The Tribe expects to receive such authorization before the effective date of this action.

The non-controversial revisions to the Commission's Title V Program will become effective upon approval of the revisions by the EPA.

II. Legal authority under which the rule is proposed.

Legal authority is vested in the Southern Ute Indian Tribe/State of Colorado Environmental Commission by the Intergovernmental Agreement Between the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and the State of Colorado Concerning Air Quality Control on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation dated December 13, 1999 ("IGA"), tribal law (Resolution of the Council of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe # 00-09), State law (C.R.S. § 24-62-101), and federal law (Act of October 18, 2004, Pub. L. No. 108-336, 118 Stat.1354) to adopt rules and regulations for air quality programs applicable to all lands within the exterior boundaries of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. The Commission's direct final rulemaking authority can be found in section IV.G. of the Commission's Procedural Rules.

III. Submission of comments.

Please provide any comments no later than 12/29/12. Please submit your comments to

Brenda Jarrell, Air Quality Program (AQP) Manager for the Tribe, by one of the following methods:

- **E-mail:** bjarrell@southernute-nsn.gov
- **Mail:** Southern Ute Indian Tribe/State of Colorado Environmental Commission, c/o Brenda Jarrell, Air Quality Program Manager, Southern Ute Environmental Programs Division, P.O. Box 737 MS# 84, Ignacio, Colorado, 81137
- **Fax:** 970-563-0384

- **Hand delivery:** Air Quality Program, Environmental Programs Division, Southern Ute Indian Tribe, 398 Ouray Drive, Ignacio, Colorado, 81137

IV. Supplementary information and summary description of Code additions and revisions to Title V program.

The Commission is publishing this direct final action without a prior proposed rule because it views the addition of Art. II. Parts 2 and 3 to the RAC as a noncontroversial action and anticipates no adverse comments. The EPA-established standards and requirements that will be incorporated by reference into the RAC by the addition of Art. II Parts 2 and 3 already apply to Reservation sources of air pollution and their incorporation into the RAC will enable the Tribe and Commission to exercise authority with respect to the incorporated standards and requirements. Additionally, the incorporation by reference of the NSPS and NESHAP into the RAC will reduce administrative burdens on owners and operators by eliminating the need for certain compliance reports to be submitted to both EPA and the Tribe.

Additionally, the Commission views the revisions to the Commission's Title V Program as a noncontroversial action and anticipates no adverse comments because the revisions are merely elimination of typos, spacing corrections, minor clarifications, and, at the request of operators, the addition of a method for operators to choose to calculate fees that will be simpler (by using potential to emit rather than actual emissions), but will result in a higher payment. If the Commission receives adverse comment, it will publish a timely withdrawal in the same manner that this notice has been published informing the public that the action will not take effect. It also will publish a notice of proposed rulemaking and will address the comments on the direct final action as part of that proposed rulemaking.

V. Where a complete copy of Art. II, Parts 2 and 3, and the Title V program revisions, can be obtained.

A copy of Art. II, Parts 2 and 3, as well as a redline showing the non-substantive revisions to the Commission's operating permit program, is available upon request from the Tribe's AQP Manager who can be contacted by e-mail, mail, fax, or in person at the addresses noted above. Article II, Parts 2 and 3, and the redline also are available at the following website: <http://www.southernute-nsn.gov/air-quality/environmental-commission>

For further information contact: Brenda Jarrell, AQP Manager, Air Quality Program, Southern Ute Indian Tribe, P.O. Box 737 MS#84, Ignacio, Colorado, 81137; office 970-563-4705 ext. 2246; fax 970-563-0384; e-mail bjarrell@southernute-nsn.gov.

Hung with care



Christopher R. Rizzo/SU Drum

Christmas door decorating contest judges James M. Olguin, Ramona Y. Eagle and Robin Duffy-Wirth take stock of one entry in the tribe's door decorating contest by the Leonard C. Burch Building's north entrance on Friday, Dec. 21. For a list of winners, see the next issue of the Drum.

In The Southern Ute Tribal Court

Of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe • On the Southern Ute Reservation
PO Box 737 #149, CR 517, Ignacio, CO • 970-563-0240

**In the Legal Name Change of,
Case No.: 2012-0150-CV-N C
Trennie Risa Burch, Civil Subject
NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE**

Notice is hereby given that Trennie Risa Burch filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Trennie Risa Collins. As of December 3, 2012 no person filed an objection to the request, and therefore notice is hereby given that Trennie Risa Burch name shall be and is hereby legally changed to Trennie Risa Collins.

Dated this 3rd day of December, 2012.
Chantel Cloud
Southern Ute Tribal Judge

**In the Estate Of,
Case No.: 2012-0142-CV-PR
NOTICE OF PROBATE
Edward Bent Box Sr., Deceased**

Notice to: Heirs, devisees, legatees, creditors and all other persons claiming an interest in said estate: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, Ignacio, CO: Greetings: Take notice that a petition has been filed in this cause, alleging that the above decedent died leaving certain assets, and asking for the determination of heirs of said decedent, the administration of said estate including the allowing of creditors of said decedent and for distribution thereof. You are notified that said cause will be set for hearing before the Tribal Court at the above address on January 15, 2013 at 9:00 AM. All persons having claims against the above estate are required to file them for allowance with the Tribal Court at the stated address on or before the time and date of said hearing, as above set forth or said claims shall be forever barred and all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to appear and answer said Petition and offer evidence in support of their position. The Court will proceed to hear the matter at the date and time set above, or such later time to which the matter shall be continued and to make the determination therein necessary.

Dated this 7th of December, 2012
Janie Herrera, Deputy Court Clerk

**In the Legal Name Change of,
Joyce Ann Ford, Civil Subject
Case No.: 2012-0168-CV-NC
NOTICE OF NAME CHANGE**

Notice is hereby given that Joyce Ann Ford has filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Joyce Ann Delaware. Any person desiring to object to the granting of the petition may do so by filing an objection in writing with the Clerk of the Court no later than February 1, 2013 by 5:00 p.m. If no objection is made, the Court will grant the legal name change.

Dated this 14th day of December, 2012.
BY THE COURT,
Maria Farmer, Court Clerk

**In the Legal Name Change of,
Caitlynn Marie Weaver
Case No.: 12-NC-152
NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE**

Notice is hereby given that Caitlynn Marie Weaver filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Caitlynn Marie Schmeisner. As of December 18, 2012 no person filed an objection to the request, and therefore notice is hereby given that Caitlynn Marie Weaver name shall be and is hereby legally changed to Caitlynn Marie Schmeisner.

Dated this 20th day of December, 2012.
Scott Moore, Southern Ute Tribal Judge

**In the Legal Name Change of,
Case No.: 12-NC-153
Brooklynn Weaver
NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE**

Notice is hereby given that Brooklynn Weaver filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Brooklynn Jade Schmeisner. As of December 18, 2012 no person filed an objection to the request, and therefore notice is hereby given that Brooklynn Weaver name shall be and is hereby legally changed to Brooklynn Jade Schmeisner.

Dated this 20th day of December, 2012.
Scott Moore
Southern Ute Tribal Judge

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE
Boxing Commission vacancy

The Southern Ute Boxing Commission currently has one (1) commission vacancy, a three year term, individual will receive commission pay, the commission is open to anyone of interest. The qualifications are;

- Must be 21 years of age
- Shall be of good character
- Shall not have been convicted of, or plead

guilty to any felony or boxing related offenses Submit your letter of intent by 3 p.m. on Jan. 15 to: Southern Ute Boxing Commission, P.O. Box 737 #74, Ignacio, CO, 81137 or you can hand deliver your letter of intent to Hilda Burch at the Tribal Housing Department. Attention: Phillip Martinez, Chairman 970-563-0100 ext. 2239 or Hilda Burch, Vice-Chair 970-563-4710 ext. 2722

SUNUTE UPDATE

"To expand and improve the quality of life for the Southern Ute tribal members and surrounding communities by stimulating social, physical, emotional, mental, cultural, and spiritual growth through recreational activities."



SUNUTE HOLIDAY HOURS

New Year's Hours: SunUte will have shortened hours over the New Year's Holiday. Monday, Dec. 31, open from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Tuesday, Jan. 1 open from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

POTTERY FIELD TRIP JAN. 2

For Southern Ute tribal members and descendants ages 6 – 18. Space is limited. Field trip will include: The Clay Room, Pizza Hut, SunUte climbing wall, movies at SunUte. Lunch will be provided. Drop off is from 8:30 to 9 a.m. Depart no later than 9 a.m. and return at 3 p.m. Pick-up is

between 3 and 5 p.m. (No later than 5 p.m.) Bring snacks, spending money and wear comfortable clothing. Sign up at SunUte Community Center front desk. For more information contact SunUte Recreation at 970-563-0214 or at www.sunute.com

TRIPLE WIN PROGRAM

Southern Ute tribal members: Enter to win a gift card every month for the next 12 months. You can enter the raffle if you work out in the gym or pool, participate in noon ball, or attend group exercise classes. Ages 10 and up. Tickets can be redeemed at the trainers' desk.



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December 28, 2012



Southern Ute Growth Fund – Job announcements

Obtain complete job descriptions and applications from the Growth Fund Human Resources, 14933 Hwy. 172 • P.O. Box 367 • Ignacio, CO • 970-563-5064 • rtaylor@sugf.com
Tribal member employment preference, must pass pre-employment drug test & criminal history.

Contract Manager

Closes 1/2/13 – Aka Energy
Durango, CO. Manages all contractor issues related to master services agreements, contracts, work orders, insurance, legal review and safety reviews for Aka. Conducts regular reviews of contractor related activities to ensure compliance. Assists all departments with adding new contractors to Aka approved contractor list. Performs a variety of administrative functions, many in a team setting, for the planning, evaluation and management of Aka contractors. Partially benefited part-time position.

Division Order Supervisor

Closes 1/2/13 – Red Willow Production
Ignacio, CO. Establishes the Division Order procedures and protocols to ensure that all necessary files documenting title and interest for Red Willow interest properties, both operated and non-operated, are obtained and maintained in an orderly and accurate land database and filing system; works with Red Willow land staff and partners as needed to obtain, maintain, and use DOI records; coordinates communication of DOI Interest and Deck changes to other Red Willow Departments; communicates with interest owners as necessary.

Land Records Supervisor

Closes 1/2/13 – Red Willow Production
Ignacio, CO. Establishes the Land Records procedures and protocols to ensure that all necessary files documenting title and interest for Red Willow interest properties, both operated and non-operated, are obtained and maintained in an orderly and accurate land database and filing system; works with Red Willow land staff and partners as needed to obtain, maintain, and use lease and contract records; coordinates communication of lease and contract changes to other Red Willow Departments; communicates with interest owners as necessary. Manages and supervises the day-to-day duties and activities of company Land Records Analysts and Lease Records Assistants.

Division Order Analyst I

Closes 1/2/13 – Red Willow Production
Ignacio, CO. Obtains and maintains orderly and accurate land records for all Red Willow interest properties, both operated and non-operated, including Divisions of Interest (DOI), and Title Opinions. Advises Accounting Manager and others of changes in Divisions of Interest (DOI) and assists them in use of DOI data. Works with Red Willow landmen and partners to obtain and maintain DOI records. Assists with other land issues as needed. Responds to communications from interest owners. Prepares reports as needed.

Division Order Analyst II

Closes 1/3/13 – Red Willow Production
Ignacio, CO. Obtains and maintains orderly and accurate land records for all Red Willow interest properties, both operated and non-operated, including Divisions of Interest (DOI), and Title Opinions. Advises Accounting Manager and others of changes in Divisions of Interest (DOI) and assists them in use of DOI data. Works with Red Willow landmen and partners to obtain and maintain DOI records. Assists with other land issues as needed. Responds to communications from interest owners. Prepares reports as needed.

Assistant Controller

Closes 1/4/13 – Red Willow Production
Ignacio, CO. Assisting the Red Willow Production Company (RWPC) Controller as directed in managing all accounting functions, to include establishing and maintaining Red Willow's accounting principles, practices, and procedures; managing monthly accounting tasks including AR, AP, general ledger management, and generation of financial statements; bank reconciliations and cash management; calculation and payment of taxes; establishing and maintaining credit records; assisting in the preparation and reconciliation of annual financial statements, and reporting as required.

Director of Construction Project Management

Closes 1/4/13 – Aka Energy
Durango, CO. Providing safe project execution and construction management, cost control, schedule control, coordination with engineering and operations on all major projects for Aka Energy's pipeline systems, compression facilities, and processing plants. Responsible to develop and maintain Aka's construction standards, bidding documents and templates, master service agreements, contracts, cost tracking tools, work orders and purchase order systems.

General Accountant

Closes 1/4/13 – GF Real Estate Group
Durango, CO. Ensuring that all general ledger, accounts receivable, fixed assets, job costing and accounts payable entries, adjustments, and reconciliations are made on an accurate and timely basis. Responsible for providing accounting support to the Controllers, Assistant Controller, and accounting staff, including accounts payable, accounts receivable, fixed assets, job costing and general ledger responsibilities. This position will support the preparation of the monthly financial reporting packages and the annual audit function.

Land Assistant I

Closes 1/4/13 – Red Willow Production
Ignacio, CO. Providing administrative support and communications support to the Land function. Completes filing and maintains orderly and accurate land records files for the division order or lease records functions. Scans, labels and files hard copy land documents in an orderly and timely manner per instruction. Attaches all land related document images to correct fields in the Enertia database per instruction. Responsible for the preparation, mailing and tracking of all Red Willow issued Divisions of Interest. Executes address changes for business associates in the Enertia database. Assists with other land duties as needed.

Office Manager

Closes 1/7/13 – Aka Energy
Durango, CO. Providing day-to-day office management and support to Aka Energy Group, LLC. Responsible for the preparation of correspondence and reports, maintaining filing systems, coordinating the flow and processing of paperwork. Responsible for facilitating the flow of information between Aka Energy Group employees and its subsidiaries.

Environmental, Health & Safety Technician III

Closes 1/14/13 – Aka Energy
Maljamar, NM. Works primarily in Operations locations as assigned, to implement all aspects of environmental programs, including permitting, regulatory analysis, monitoring and compliance. Independently gathers data and prepares regulatory submittals, tracks and complies with regulatory obligations, manages files to demonstrate compliance, and implements best management practices in the field.

Process Engineer

Closes 1/14/13 – Aka Energy
Durango, CO. Providing pipeline and process engineering, technical interpretations and project management for Aka Energy Group and its subsidiaries. Provides business and operations support of Aka and its subsidiaries mid-stream natural gas business ventures.

Senior Process Engineer

Closes 1/14/13 – Aka Energy
Durango, CO. Providing pipeline, compression, treating and process engineering, technical interpretations, modeling and project management for Aka Energy Group and its subsidiaries. Provides business development and operations support of Aka and its subsidiaries mid-stream natural gas business ventures.

Southern Ute Indian Tribe – Job announcements

Please refer to the complete job announcements on the Human Resources website at www.southern-ute.nsn.us/jobs. If you need help filling out an online application, please come into the HR office and we are happy to assist you on our applicant computer stations.
ALL EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS ARE SUBMITTED ONLINE
Applicants and employees, please be sure the HR Department has your current contact information on file. P.O. Box 737 - Ignacio, CO 81137
Phone: 970-563-0100 ext. 2424 • Fax: 970-563-0302 • Hotline: 970-563-4777
Human Resources accepts applications for temporary employment on an ongoing basis.

Community Health Representative (2)

Closes 1/1/13
The Community Health Representative is responsible for providing assistance in the coordination and development of activities for elderly and physically or mentally handicapped Tribal Members. Provides transportation, health and health related homemaking services. Performs community health representative duties to include patient transport and monitoring, home visits, conducting classes and providing community education on Tribal Health issues. Pay grade 13: \$11.59/hour.

Apprentice Heavy Equipment Operator

Closes 1/2/13
Southern Ute tribal members only. This program is designed to meet the needs of a Southern Ute tribal member with a desire to learn routine maintenance and safe operation of heavy equipment in carrying out project assignments for the Construction Services Division. The objective of the Heavy Equipment Apprentice position is to offer a Southern Ute Tribal Member hands-on experience, training and education as a heavy equipment operator and/or improve on existing experience and abilities, including securing a CDL license during the training period. The time frame for this program completion is twelve (12) months, unless there are circumstances requiring an extension or reduction. The rate of pay begins at 20% under minimum of the pay grade - \$13.57/hour, eligible for quarterly increases upon satisfactory evaluations, resulting in the minimum rate of pay - \$16.96/hour at the end of the program.

Administrative Assistant

Closes 1/4/13
Serves in the Construction & Project Management Department and assists with coordination of all functions and activities related to construction projects, providing oversight to projects through completion. Assists with the management of PL 93-638 projects. Pay grade 14: \$12.69/hour.

Detention Officer

Closes 1/4/13
Under general supervision of the Detention Sergeant, maintains the safety and welfare of inmates and visitors and monitors all activities within the Detention Center. Pay grade 16: \$16.96/hour.

Detention Food Service Coordinator

Closes 1/4/13
Administration of the Food Service Program for the Southern Ute Detention Center. Pay grade 15: \$13.89/hour.

Trainee Academic Advisor

Closes 1/5/13
Southern Ute tribal members only. Professional education Trainee position open to Southern Ute Tribal Members, under general supervision of the Education Department Director, providing academic advisement to scholarship applicants and recipients. This position is at 20% below pay grade 18, \$14.90/hour, eligible for quarterly increases in pay so that during the course of the training program, the rate of pay increases to the minimum of grade 18: \$18.62/hour.

Apprentice Building Maintenance HVAC Technician

Closes 1/7/13
Southern Ute tribal members only. The objective of the Building Maintenance Technician Apprentice position is to provide a Southern Ute Tribal Member with the educational skills and training in the repair, service and installation of HVAC equipment and systems to achieve the following goals as an HVAC Technician. Training to include

hands-on experience, training and education as a HVAC Technician, and/or improve on existing experience and abilities. The Time Frame for this program completion is twelve (12) months, unless there are circumstances requiring extension or reduction. Provides maintenance assistance and support, troubleshooting and preventative maintenance, including correcting safety hazards in the Southern Ute Indian Tribe buildings and building systems. Pay begins at 20% below pay minimum, starting at \$16.51/hour, eligible for quarterly increases, depending upon satisfactory evaluations up to minimum of grade 19: \$20.64.

Apprentice Building Maintenance Technician

Closes 1/7/13
Southern Ute tribal members only. The objective of the Building Maintenance Technician Apprentice position is to offer a Southern Ute Tribal Member hands-on experience, training and education as a Maintenance Technician, and/or improve on existing experience and abilities. The Time Frame for this program completion is twelve (12) months, unless there are circumstances requiring an extension or reduction. This position provides maintenance assistance and support, troubleshooting and preventative maintenance, including correcting safety hazards in the Southern Ute Tribe buildings and building systems. Pay rate is 20% below pay minimum, starting at \$12.30, eligible for quarterly increases, depending upon satisfactory evaluations up to minimum of grade 16, \$15.37.

TEAMS Program Temporary Positions

Open until filled
Southern Ute tribal members only. The TEAM Jobs positions are temporary assignments that are filled as needed from the current pool of applicants. The rate of pay is set at the minimum pay the assignment, but not less than \$10.82/hour.

Social Services Clinical Supervisor

Closes 1/17/13
Senior level position that provides Clinical Supervision to staff Caseworkers providing a full range of intake and/or ongoing social casework services for a variety of program areas such as child abuse and neglect cases, youth-in-conflict cases, and adults unable to protect their own interests. Pay grade 22: \$59,512/year.

Social Services Division Head

Closes 1/17/13
Day-to-day operation and management of the Southern Ute Tribal Social Services Division, in accordance with the guidelines (fiscal, philosophical, and programmatic) established and approved by the Tribal Council. Manages programs and services to include child/adult welfare protective services, family and individual therapy, BIA General Assistance/ Tribal Work Experience Program, Day Care Grant and Low Income Energy Assistance Program. Pay grade 23: \$65,584

Umpires/referees (6)

Open until filled
Officiating in scheduled games and programs sponsored or coordinated by the SunUte recreation department. The employee is under direct supervision of the recreation manager. Pay grade: \$20.64/hour.

(6) Scorekeepers

Open until filled
Operating the scoreboard and maintaining records in scheduled games and programs sponsored or coordinated by the SunUte recreation department. The employee is under the direct supervision of the recreation manager. Programs to be run by the recreation specialists. Pay grade: \$10.82/hour.

A great new way to find out about job opportunities 24 hours a day, seven days a week! The job hotline lists the job title and closing date for both Permanent Fund and Growth Fund positions. Full job announcement including qualifications in Human Resource Department. Hotline is updated weekly.

Sky Ute Casino Resort – Job announcements

Human Resources Department: 970-563-1311 • Fax: 970-563-1419
P.O. Box 340 • Ignacio, CO 81137 • Office Hours: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Indian Preference Employer • All Applicants Welcome • Apply online: www.skyutecasino.com

Bowling Lead Technician – FT, closes 12/28/12 Craps Dealer – FT, closes 12/28/12
Catering Sales Associate – FT, closes 12/28/12 Multi-Games Pit Boss – PT, closes 12/28/12

SUCAP – Job announcements

Southern Ute Community Action Program
Central Office • 285 Lakin St., Ignacio, CO • 970-563-4517
Obtain complete job description/application from SUCAP offices.

Clerical Assistant

Closes 12/28/12 – SUCAP/SU Head Start
FT w/benefits. High School Diploma/ GED required. One year experience with

computerized data management systems, word processing, and general secretarial skills. Must pass background checks.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS Southern Ute Indian Housing Authority

The Southern Ute Indian Housing Authority in Ignacio, CO is accepting proposals for a 1 (one) year contract January 2013 - December 2013 to furnish and install flooring for all Housing Authority Units on an as needed basis. All carpet and vinyl is a Riteway exclusive and will

need to be purchased through them directly. Proposals must be submitted to the Housing Authority by December 28, 2012 at 3:00 p.m. by mail, P.O. Box 447, Ignacio CO, or by email rtorres@suiha.org. For additional information, please contact Rebecca Torres, at 970-563-4575.

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

Southern Ute Growth Fund, Teirra – FCI, LLC

Architectural Design Services
Date Issued: December 26, 2012
Advertisement and Notice of Invitation
Requests of Qualification Available: The Request for Qualifications (RFQ) document for the above named project is available from Mike Foutz, Tierra – FCI, LLC (mfoutz@fcioi.com) on December 28th, 2012.
Tierra – FCI, LLC (Design-Builder) is requesting Statement of Qualification from qualified professionals interested in providing architectural design services for the planning, design and construction documentation of two buildings in Ignacio, Colorado. One building will be approximately 36'000 square foot office building on the Southern Ute Indian Tribe ("Tribe") Growth Fund campus. The second building will be an approximately 2,220 square foot building located at the Tribe's wastewater treatment grounds at the south end of Ignacio, Colorado. The architect's team shall include, but is not limited to, the Architect and supporting sub-consultants such as civil engineer, landscape architect, structural engineer, and mechanical/electrical engineer. The selected Architect will work with representatives of the owner and the Design-Builder. The owner reserves the right, at any time during this process, to add, delete, or otherwise modify the proposed scope of services.
The Tribe's Tribal Employment Rights Ordinance (TERO) office has established a

preference for contracting and subcontracting to certified Indian-owned businesses. To receive this preference, Native American owned companies must be certified by the Tribe's TERO office. Any Native American owned business not certified by the due date will not be given preference. For information on certification, contact the TERO office at 970-563-0117.
Response Information: Response (printed Statements of Qualifications) to RFQ are due 4 pm local time January 17, 2013
Delivered to: Tierra – FCI, LLC Attn: Mike Foutz, 186 Moose Lane Durango, Colorado 81303
Email: mfoutz@fcioi.com
Phone: 970-259-8644
Fax: 970-259-8633
Tierra – FCI, LLC will only respond to written questions. Questions may be mailed, faxed or emailed to Mike Foutz at the email address given above.
Deadline to Submit Questions January 10, 2013
Selection: The competitive selection process for responses to the RFQ will focus on the qualifications related to the criteria outlined in the RFQ and prior history of performance on similar projects by the architect and members of the proposed design team. The owner reserves the right to reject any or all of the submittals and waive informalities in the qualifications and responses.



Christopher R. Rizzo/SU Drum

Elena Romero, Mariah Thompson and Dawnette Naranjo were among the attendees of this year's Ignacio Elementary School Christmas program on Tuesday, Dec. 18 in the Ignacio High gym. They came to support the students for all their hard work in their music class this year.



Christopher R. Rizzo/SU Drum

Ignacio Elementary Students, directed by music teacher Stephanie Rohr, were proud to show off their musical chops to kick off the holiday season.

Ignacio shares in the Christmas spirit



Ace Stryker/SU Drum

The Christmas spirit was alight throughout the Ignacio community this year. The Ignacio schools and entities each held programs and events celebrating the joy of giving.

Students at the Ignacio Intermediate School create "snowmen" in the school gym using boxes, tape, and accessories brought from home during the school's holiday festival on Thursday, Dec. 20. The competition is part of the school's holiday festival, sponsored by its Peer Leaders United Students (PLUS) group. Prizes included a lunch date with the principal.



Christopher R. Rizzo/SU Drum

Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students lined up on Thursday, Dec. 13 at the SunUte Community Center to ask Santa for presents this year during the center's "Swim With Santa" event.



Christopher R. Rizzo/SU Drum

Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy teachers taught students how to make oatmeal raisin cookies, a healthier choice, on Wednesday, Dec. 19.



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Southern Ute Montessori Head Start students sang Christmas songs and the staff fed family members as part of the school's annual Christmas program and dinner on Thursday, Dec. 20. Southern Ute Royalty members Jr. Miss Southern Ute Jazmin Carmenoros and Ute Brave Cyrus Naranjo also did the Lord's Prayer in sign language.



Christopher R. Rizzo/SU Drum

Students also made snicker doodles and other cookies for their parents for Christmas. Even the teachers got to have some fun.

Leaders thank employees



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Southern Ute Vice Chairman James M. Olguin thanks employees for their work for the tribe during a reception in the Leonard C. Burch Building's Hall of Warriors on Friday, Dec. 14.



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Southern Ute Tribal Council members Ramona Y. Eagle (with mic), Aaron V. Torres and Alex S. Cloud each greet attendees at the annual Southern Ute Tribal Christmas Dinner, which was organized by the tribe's Cultural Preservation Department.



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Santa shakes hands with Bradley Hight, Vice Chairman of the Ute Mountain Ute Indian Tribe, during the dinner.



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Children flocked to pose with Santa during the meal.



Craig Boss/Special to the Drum

The smiles on Academy students' faces beamed brighter than Santa's elves'.

To all a good night



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Annabelle Eagle holds a plaque from Santa celebrating the fact that this year's Capitol Christmas tree in Washington, D.C., bears her name.



Craig Boss/Special to the Drum

Santa Claus pulls in Little Miss Southern Ute Alternate Tauri Raines for a photo.

LOCAL IGNACIO WEATHER

Friday, Dec. 28



Chance of Snow 24°F

Saturday, Dec. 29



Mostly sunny 29°F

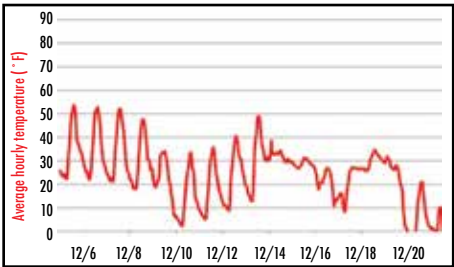
Sunday, Dec. 30



Partly sunny 33°F

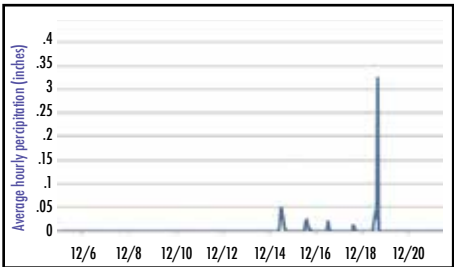


Weather data for Dec. 6 – Dec. 20



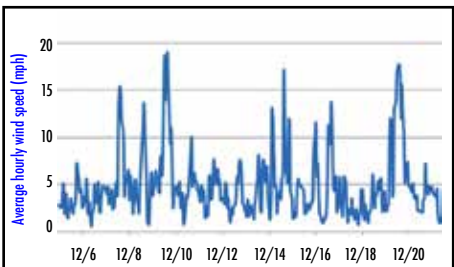
Temperature

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Low -7.2°
Average 24.6°
Average last year 26.5°



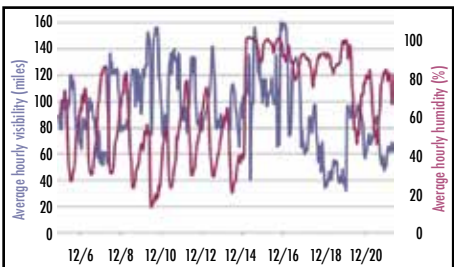
Precipitation

Total 0.71"
Total last year 0.37"



Wind speed

Average 4.9
Minimum 0.6
Maximum 19.1



Visibility & humidity

Average visibility 93.1
Average humidity 63.6%

Air quality
Good



Data compiled by Southern Ute Environmental Programs

Weather forecasts collected from www.NOAA.gov

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe hosted its annual Christmas Dinner and Program Saturday, Dec. 22 in the Sky Ute Casino Resort's Events Center. Santa Claus posed with children and adults throughout the dinner. Door prizes were awarded and a special slideshow by Eddie Box Jr. played during the dinner featuring archival photos of the Ute people. The Southern Ute Montessori Indian Academy also performed their Christmas Program following the dinner, singing songs of Christmas joy.



Craig Boss/Special to the Drum

A young drum group from the Academy provides the beat during the school's Christmas program.



Craig Boss/Special to the Drum

Music filled the Sky Ute Casino Resort's Events Center during the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy's Christmas program.